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FORTY-SIXTH YEAR

DARK HORSES AFTER BLAINE.

Alger, Cullom and Others Think It Unfair That the Secretary

DOES NOT SPEAK OUT

And Announce His Intentions as to the Presidential Race.

THEY WON'T RUN IF HE DOES.

But They Want Time to Get in Condition if They Enter.

A Movement Afoot to Force the Secretary to a Declaration if He Won't Make It Voluntarily—Harrison's Evident Assurance That He Will Not Be Opposed by His Premier—Speaker Crisp Not Greatly Infatuated With the New Rules He Has Proposed—Egan the Wrong Person to Look to for Information About Blaine—Mont's Last Interview Commented Upon.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC LETTER.)

BUREAU OF THE DISPATCH, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17.

The attitude of Secretary Blaine in regard to the national nomination has already given some trouble to his friends and those who are supposed to be friendly to another candidate. It is a matter of more concern at this time than it has been heretofore, and the confusion arising from it promises to increase in the near future.

Within five months the Republican National Convention will be held at Minneapolis. Five months is a short time in which to decide upon and prosecute a campaign. If Mr. Blaine is not a candidate, and if he is determined to forbid the use of his name, there are several other worthy gentlemen who would like to be informed of the fact.

Not Fair to Would-Be Candidates.

It has been asserted that Mr. Blaine, while not assuming to be a candidate, will accept the nomination if it is tendered to him. It is asserted with even greater show of conviction that he will not permit the use of his name, but will, in his own good time, leave the public free to make their choice from among the other candidates. If this latter view be the correct one, Mr. Blaine, by apparently remaining in the field, prevents the others from announcing and presenting their candidacy.

Mr. Blaine knows, the country knows, and every other aspirant knows, that if he is a candidate he will be nominated. If Blaine is a candidate, Alger is not. If Blaine is a candidate, Cullom is not.

Dark Horses Want a Show.

It has been pretty authoritatively stated that, if Blaine is a candidate, Harrison is not. But, if Blaine is not a candidate, yet permits it to be assumed that he is, so long as he fails to define his position, Alger and Cullom are prevented from taking any steps to re-establish their strength, while Harrison, by reason of his position, will lose nothing by the delay of Blaine.

If the Secretary of State keep silent till the convention be almost at hand, and then forbid his friends to use his name, Harrison will have practically a clean field for a renomination. It is this fact which is causing those who are opposed to the renomination of Harrison to become very restive, and to desire above all things political that Blaine will define his intentions.

Signs of an Understood Combine.

The extraordinary attempt of the administration to interfere with the Philadelphia primaries to assist the choice of administration delegates is accepted as an indication that Harrison does not believe Blaine will stand in the way of his renomination. Mr. Harrison and his friends were convinced that the best way to become administration delegates was not for the purpose of electing delegates for Blaine, but that it was the beginning of a movement to gain control of the State and use the delegation to Minneapolis against Harrison.

Those who take this view are therefore of the opinion that Harrison is very much a candidate, knowing that Blaine will not be, and this theory has led to a broad assertion within the last few days that Blaine is lending himself to a scheme of Harrison to keep all other candidates out of the field by continuing the doubt in regard to his candidacy.

Blaine to Be Asked to Talk.

So strong has this suspicion become in the minds of some of Mr. Blaine's friends that they are seriously contemplating concert of action to ask him a formal declaration of his intentions. No information that can be had from any authoritative source is satisfactory. Notwithstanding all assurances from the "most intimate friends" of the Secretary that he will not reject the nomination if it is tendered to him, the would-be supporters of Mr. Blaine are not convinced.

The reports are discredited, but it is deemed necessary that the truth should be frankly stated in some way to the public by Mr. Blaine himself.

Reasons Enough for a Declaration.

The suspicion that Blaine is silent in the interests of Harrison is now being bruited about and will soon be a theme of national discussion. It is probably entirely unjust to Mr. Blaine, for his frankness is one of his leading characteristics. But if it is crucially false, Mr. Blaine is in some sense responsible for its germination, and being responsible, he cannot afford to ignore it.

It is known that somewhat extraordinary attempts have of late been made to draw from Mr. Blaine some statement, but hitherto all efforts have failed. He has maintained an impenetrable silence whenever the subject was approached. It is pretty certain that the friends of Blaine who are his friends apart from all other considerations, as well as the opponents of Harrison, who are for Blaine as Harrison's strongest

opponent, will soon take some means to extract a definite statement from the Secretary, should he not voluntarily, in view of the charge of his double-dealing, decide to set the matter at rest.

Mr. Crisp and the New Rules.

It is earnestly hoped that Speaker Crisp will be sufficiently recovered from his long wrestle with the grip to at least attend this week the meetings of the Committee on Rules, if not to preside over the deliberations of the House. The new code of rules as it has been prepared by the other Democrats of the committee is not quite satisfactory to Mr. Crisp, and further revision will be necessary. Two important provisions are proposed which will yet need considerable discussion. One is to fix upon 100 members as a quorum of the committee of the whole House, and the other is to prevent upon suspension of the intermission of a debate of the committee on matters by members who wish to obstruct business. It is said the committee would be pleased if it could adopt some method of counting a quorum which would prevent all discussion by a deliberate breaking of a quorum, but that they can find no method which would not be too closely akin to that adopted by Mr. Reed, of counting all members present, whether they vote or not, and which would humiliate them by accepting now what they denounced continuously during the last Congress.

The Cuban Matter to Talk Over.

It is probable that it will make little difference for a while whether new rules be adopted or not. If, as is expected, the correspondence between the Chilean and United States Governments be submitted to a special parliamentary day, the discussion ensuing will occupy most of the time of the House and Senate for many days thereafter, and it is quite certain that no special parliamentary law will be necessary for the control of either House.

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STRAIGHT FROM BLAINE.

GENERAL ALGER VISITS HIM, BUT GETS NOT A TOKEN.

The Michiganian Thinks the Sphinx Will Be Too Patriotic to Decline a Nomination—A Commission Proposed to Stave Off the War With Chile.

DETROIT, Jan. 17.—The Tribune to-morrow will publish an authorized interview with General R. A. Alger, who has just returned from Washington, in which he makes known the result of his recent conference with Secretary Blaine.

"I saw Mr. Blaine," said the General, "but he said nothing to me that would furnish any indication as to whether he was a candidate for the Presidency or not. My impression is that Mr. Blaine would be glad to be relieved from the responsibility of being a candidate, but, if the Minneapolis convention should demand that he accept the nomination, I believe it is too patriotic a refusal. I am not authorized to speak for Mr. Blaine in any way, and this is simply my personal opinion, but, as I have just seen the result of the meeting, I accept the nomination if it is tendered to him with practical unanimity."

A Good Deal of War Talk.

"How about the Chilean war talk?" "There is a good deal of it in Washington, and it is the subject of much conversation here. The army and navy are naturally in favor of it and their influence is being felt. War preparations always excite the masses of the people, and we have not yet exhausted legitimate and proper means for effecting a peaceful settlement.

"We are a nation of 62,000,000 intelligent, wide-awake, well-governed people, and we are proposing to go to war with a country whose whole population does not number more than 10,000,000, which is many thousands of miles away from us, and which is, in fact, so inferior to the United States that war with it seems almost like trespass upon our own dignity.

Arbitration the Better Plan.

"It seems to me it would be both prudent and proper to send a commission to Chile, previous to a determination to begin hostilities, with a view of thus securing ample representation and avoiding the appeal to arms, which would probably result in the loss of 10,000 lives and cost \$300,000,000.

"What if the commission failed?" "War would then be inevitable, of course, and I would refer the matter of appointing a commission as a means of honorably avoiding hostilities. The United States is committed to the policy of arbitration. I would not lower the dignity of the American flag, but simply urge that we live up to a standard which we have ourselves set. There has been one good result, however, of the war scare. It has convinced our people of the necessity for a strong navy, and I am glad of it.

"There could be but one result of a war between the United States and Chile?" "Of course. Defeat is not in the stars for the American people."

TRIED AWFUL HARD TO DIE.

A Disconsolate Drummer Inhales Gas in a Hotel for Several Hours.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—[Special.]—The painstaking efforts which Arthur B. Hintze, of Hoboken, made to-day to end his life failed through no fault of his own. Hintze, a young man of 25, came over to Smith & McNeill's hotel Saturday afternoon. He registered as "James White, Easton, Pa."

He was assigned to room 374, on the top floor. Nothing was heard of him again until 8:30 o'clock this morning, when groans from the room brought Watchman Tony Cauco upstairs in a hurry to investigate. Hintze was found lying nude on the floor, already unconscious. The gas was escaping from a bracket across the room from where he stood. A rubber tube ten feet long was fitted over the burner at one end, while the other was in Hintze's mouth. The tube was held in place in his mouth by a wire. Hintze had wrapped the wire several times around his neck, and had then bent one end into the form of a ring, which stood up over his mouth. He passed the tube through the ring, which held it in position and prevented it from dropping from his mouth. Hintze was taken to Chambers Street Hospital, where the house surgeon says he is in a fair way to recover. He was a salesman who had been out of work lately. His bride of a year died a few months ago.

A CRUSADE ON GAMBLING.

ONE LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE AT-TENDING TO BUSINESS.

A Determined Fight Against the Guttenberg Race Track and Its Bookmakers. Plenty of Financial and Moral Backing for an Extended Assault.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—[Special.]—The Hudson County Law and Order League proposes this time to make a determined fight against the Guttenberg race track. When the fight was made last spring the League had neither sufficient money nor influence to make the fight effective. Now it has the backing of the Board of Control, and consequently there is money in plenty.

The League has secured eminent counsel in the person of Governor Beale, and Judge Blair, and other prominent lawyers. Judge Blair said to-night: "There is plenty of money behind this movement, and the battle will be fought to the end. We propose to keep on arresting these violators of the law every day. If there is any power in New Jersey, let such matters as this be considered. I propose to call every power to aid in suppressing this institution. It will be simply a question of whether the owners of the race track are strong or the law."

Rev. John L. Souder, pastor of the Jersey City Tabernacle, who is one of the most active and aggressive members of the Law and Order League, took up the subject in his pulpit. He said: "Once more the tocsin of war is being sounded in Hudson county, and every decent citizen should take notice. The race track is the demon whose lair is in the Guttenberg race track. Yesterday numerous arrests were made upon the race track, in spite of the threats and maledictions of the 'big four.'"

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HELD BACK BY A WOMAN.

Armed With a Gun, She Almost Prevents the Arrest of a Man.

ISHPEMING, MICH., Jan. 17.—The arrest at Champlain this morning of John Henry, the keeper of the dance house dives at Trout Lake and Champlain, on a charge of robbery, occurred this morning.

Two officers who appeared at the front door of Henry's ranch were met by a woman armed with a shotgun and made to retreat. One of them, however, went to the rear of the building and caught Henry as he was trying to escape through a window. A local paper accuses Henry of being implicated in the murder of John Gleason, the mining paymaster who was mysteriously slain the night of January 5.

GROVER GOES GUNNING.

The Ex-President Passes Through Atlanta on His Way.

ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 17.—Grover Cleveland passed through Atlanta to-day on his way to the plantation of Joseph Jefferson in Louisiana, where he will spend a week in gunning and fishing.

A Buckeye Insurance Company Quits.

DAYTON, O., Jan. 17.—The announcement is made to-day that the Firemen's Insurance Company, of Dayton, having decided to retire from business, has transferred the assets of the company to the National Fire Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn. The Firemen's has a cash capital of \$250,000. Samuel Craighead is President.

Two Keely Institutes in Ohio.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 17.—The second Keely institute in Ohio for the treatment of inebriates according to the method pursued by the Dwight, Ill., institution, will be opened to-morrow at Madisonville, a suburb of Cincinnati.

Sixteen in a Coaching Wreck.

CADIZ, Jan. 17.—[Special.]—Two boys, each going at the rate of 30 miles an hour, collided here last night. Of the 16 young ladies and gentlemen riding on the two sleds, six received serious injuries.

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UNCLE SAM FEARS NOT THE BOGE MAN.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Over 1,000 men are now employed in the navy yard, and good progress is being made with the work on the Texas, Raleigh and the double-turreted monitor Amphitrite.

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SUICIDE BY FREEZING.

A Chicago Disconsolate Takes an Original Method of Ending Her Life.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Mary Simpson, a fashionable dressmaker, committed suicide in a novel manner late Saturday night. Walking out upon the ice of the lake, she dressed herself of all her clothing and lay down upon the ice to die.

INSURANCE DISPATCH

Heaped by Chileans on Americans, According to Commander Evans.

SECRETARY TRACY ANGRY.

He Considers the Latest Reported Trouble an Affront.

A POLITE SALUTE CAUSED IT.

The Officials in Washington Much Put Out by the News.

TOTALLY UNEXPECTED CHANGE OF BASE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17.—Secretary Tracy to-night made public the following dispatch he had received from Commander Evans, of the United States steamer Yorktown, now in Valparaiso, Chile, in regard to the Balmaceda refugees put aboard that vessel by United States Minister Egan and the Spanish Minister.

VALPARAISO, CHILE, JANUARY 16.

Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.: The American Minister informs me that the Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs has changed his mind about refugees now on the Yorktown, and that they may be taken out of my merchant vessel at that Chilean port as soon as the vessel is ready to sail. It had been for all of them to sail to-day, but this change of base on the part of the Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs compels me to keep them, which crowds me very much. Shall I land them at Callao, Peru, or Molendo, Peru? No steamer from here goes direct to neutral territory. This unexpected change of the Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs is due, he states, in part to my saluting the Spanish Minister when he came on board to deliver a veto against the refugees. My own Government and I am responsible to my own Government and not to that of Chile. In such matters, I have no official and rigid duty, and I will not accept it. His action seems unworthy of the representative of a serious Government. EVANS.

Uncle Sam's Officials Surprised.

The action on the part of Senor Pereira, the Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs, in deciding that the refugees might be taken out of my merchant vessel touching at a Chilean port by local authority, was a great surprise to the officials in Washington. He had been led to believe, from the fact that the Yorktown was at that port, that they would be permitted to leave the country without further hindrance.

Tracy, as voiced by his Minister of Foreign Affairs in the present case, is very unsatisfactory to such of these officials in Washington as are willing to express themselves in regard to the matter. It is a case of adding insult to injury, an additional affront to one already aggravated. Secretary Tracy evidently regretted what he had done, and seemed to think it an affront to the Government.

Neither Secretary Blaine nor Minister Mont had any news bearing on the Chilean situation for the press to-night.

THE CRUSHING FITTING OUT.

Another Torpedo Boat Turns in at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—[Special.]—The torpedo boat which was wrecked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard at 10:30 o'clock last night, from Newport, where she has been lying out of commission for some time. Lieutenant Winslow, who commands her, said to-day that he supposed the order for his boat to Brooklyn was given so that this boat might be fitted out with torpedoes, and thus made ready for service. The cause of the trouble with Chile should culminate in war.

"If war should come," said the Lieutenant, "I don't think we would have any chance. The naval regulations require compliance with the terms of the treaty, and we are now in a pretty good condition."

BOTKIN HAS TRUE GRIT.

The Kansas Judge Won't Show the White Feather, but Will Compromise.

TOPEKA, Jan. 17.—The retirement of Judge Botkin from the judicial district over which he presides, where the late war has been raging, would, everyone concedes, result in restoring the turbulent counties to peace, but Judge Botkin will not resign. He says he has never yet shown the white feather, and that he will continue his residence there if he has to carry a small arsenal around with him to protect his life. His friends in this district have pleaded with him to resign, but he has refused to do so. He has, however, consented to a compromise which will insure peace for at least the rest of the present term of his office. He has arranged to absent himself from the district for a time and to allow the bar to choose a judge pro tempore.

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she talked a little and gave rambling replies to questions. Toward the end she slipped into a stupor from which she did not revive at any time.

Mrs. Stender said she would have the body removed to Albany and placed in the care of the Rev. Charles S. Quackenbush, who killed himself immediately after shooting his wife. Mrs. Stender will take the four little children to her home in Syracuse. The little girls will be the heirs of the property left by their father, which is said to be worth readily \$50,000.

VACCINATION FATAL.

A YOUNG GIRL SUFFERS SIX YEARS AND THEN DIES.

She Doubted the Ordinal, but the Doctor Insisted—Physicians Puzzled Over the Development of Her Case—Reduced to a Skeleton and Almost Oastified.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Frances Aston, aged 17, has died from the effects of vaccination. The girl was suffering intense pain several years before death came. In 1885 she and her sister Edna were vaccinated. The parents of the girls at first strongly objected to the vaccination, but finally consented, and it was done. Both girls were in robust health. The vaccine virus "took" well on Edna, but developed a difficulty with Frances. The latter a few days later began to suffer intense pains about the limbs and her cries could be heard a block away. Ulcerous sores began to form on various parts of the body, and continued to increase until the surface of the body was a mass of eruptions from head to foot.

Dr. Halton, a neighboring physician, was called in and tried to relieve the patient from her sufferings, but to no effect. Other physicians called to the house, but with the same result. The girl's sufferings only seemed to increase, and it was not long before she was unable to lie in bed or stand.

After treatment at Bellevue, she in a measure recovered. For a year Frances went about, when she was again stricken down, but this time she never recovered. Her sufferings were renewed. From that time until her death she never left her home. The physicians frankly confessed themselves puzzled. Again the father called on Dr. Walters for an explanation, and at his request the doctor gave a written explanation, telling how he had been called to vaccinate the girl, her dread of vaccination, and the vaccination of ten other children with the same vaccine. Dr. Walters ended by saying that, in his opinion, the girl's death would be due to the vaccine. The girl's body was exhumed and found to be rigid and the limbs become that it was with difficulty they could be straightened to place the body in a coffin. Her body was reduced to a skeleton and weighed about 40 pounds.

BELIZHOEVER ROASTS BRICE.

Another Pennsylvania Leader Who Thinks the National Chairman Needs a Mianster.

CARLETON, Pa., Jan. 17.—[Special.]—Congressman F. E. Belizhoever this evening, in reply to the question as to the outlook in the contest for State Chairman, said: "I believe J. Marshall Wright will be elected Chairman by a good majority."

"I will hardly be elected to the vacancy on the ticket of ten other children with the same vaccine. Dr. Walters ended by saying that, in his opinion, the girl's death would be due to the vaccine. The girl's body was exhumed and found to be rigid and the limbs become that it was with difficulty they could be straightened to place the body in a coffin. Her body was reduced to a skeleton and weighed about 40 pounds.

Mr. Brice's decision is a most unfortunate decision for himself. It will not be sustained, and it ought not to be sustained.

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Four Officers Against One Crank.

The other three pursuers were upon him by that time. One hauled off and hit him in the mouth. The second struck him on the ear, and then all four jumped on him and bore him to the ground. Then, gripping him tightly so there was no chance of his struggling free, they lifted him up and marched him around to the Oak street station.

They had caught "Jack the Slasher," and caught him in the act.

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Inspector Byrne Takes a Hand.

The prisoner was looked at by 30 or 40 policemen in plain clothes, and then he was hustled off to cell. Messengers were hurried up and down all around town. An ambulance from the Chambers Street Hospital took the prisoner to the police station. The surgeon said the cuts in his face and neck were very dangerous. The messengers began coming back, and following them came Inspector Byrne and Captain McLaughlin.

The Inspector remained at the Oak street station an hour or more, talking with the prisoner. Then he went to Chambers Street Hospital. The case, handled and surrounded by detectives, followed. From the hospital the inspector went to police headquarters. He had the slasher in his private room for half an hour. Then he sent him up to Bellevue Hospital with more detectives, who afterward brought him back to headquarters. The inspector did not leave his office all day. About 3 o'clock Inspector Byrne gave out the story of the slasher's arrest, and what had been learned of his career.

"There have been a number of cases, beginning December 29," he said, "of drunken men who have been cut by some stranger in the lower part of the Eleventh precinct and down through the section of the Fourth ward. Two men had been his victims."

All the Work of One Man.

"I sent for Captain O'Connor, of the Oak street station, believing both the cuttings had been done by one man. There were many reasons for believing this. I directed the Captain about the disposition he should make of his own man to catch this fellow in case he continued his work. He did continue his work."

John Clark, George Williams and Edward Christensen were his later victims. They were all approached in the same manner by the slasher, and they were all killed. The slasher, the Baltimore lawyer, right in the same neighborhood, Friday morning last. After that I consulted with both Captain O'Connor and Captain McLaughlin of the Eldridge street station, and I took 20 men from my own staff and sent them down into the precinct to watch with 20 men of Captain O'Connor. It is plain to see, to keep a sharp eye on drunken men and anybody who might follow or approach them."

Friday night we got nothing. This morning at 1 o'clock William Miller was assaulted in a like manner as the other victims. There were 40 policemen in plain clothes about the streets in the neighborhood last night when I left the station at 12:30 o'clock.

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RED REVENGE DAY BY DAY.

Indulged by a Maniac Whose Mother Was Once Wronged.

JACK THE SLASHER

Nabbed in New York After Repeated Murderous Assaults.

ALL OF HIS VICTIMS GERMANS.

Every One Who Resembled His Mother's Assailant Attacked.

One of the Strangest Tales in the Criminal Annals of Madmen—The Maniac Pursues and Wounds Many Victims Before He Is Caught—Many Officers in Citizens' Clothes Put on the Chase—One Murderer Laid to the Charge—The Prisoner—A Family of Cranks.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAPH TO THE DISPATCH.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—On the up-town sidewalk of James street, within a block of the Oak street police station, at 3:20 o'clock this morning, a drunken man was seized about the neck by a heavy-coated fellow, who had trailed 20 feet behind him for blocks. They were lugged together an instant, and then the drunken man fell to the sidewalk, not a sound escaping from his lips. The heavy-coated figure shot across the street and was gone.

A third man who had been trailing the other two ran to the drunken man, looked at him a moment, and pulling a pistol from his pocket, he fired it in the air and dashed across the street after the fugitive, who had run down Batavia street toward New Chambers street.

A dozen pistol shots sounded from as many directions. Three more men came running from nearby alleys and joined the chase. One, more feet than the rest, wore a policeman's uniform. After a run of a block he overtook the fleeing man at New Chambers and James streets and smashed him over the head with his long night stick. The man turned and stood still.

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